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Dear Senator Doyle,  
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Hartford, CT 06106-1591

RE: HB 6266 - An Act Concerning the Practice of Acupuncture

Dear Representative, Johnson

I'm writing to ask you to support House Bill 6266 - An Act Concerning the Practice of Acupuncture, which has been raised by the Public Health Committee.

HB 6266 provides Title Protection to acupuncturists in our state. This title protection is an important way to inform and protect health care consumers, and identify the unique credentials of providers with a Connecticut acupuncture license.

- It helps consumers find practitioners who are licensed acupuncturists, trained under nationally-recognized accreditation standards in the modality of acupuncture and oriental medicine.
- It helps patients understand the credentials of the practitioners who are treating them.
- It provides an equitable recognition to state-licensed acupuncturists, giving them the same kind of professional title protection that virtually all other Connecticut health professionals enjoy.

My husband, Johnny Newton, sees a licensed acupuncturist weekly. I am confident in this person's qualifications as she has received extensive training and has passed the required tests to acquire her license. I would not want just anyone who claims to have ability but not certification to care for my husband.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Dawn Newton*

Cc: Senator Jonathan Harris and Representative Elizabeth Ritter  
co-chairs, Public Health Committee